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## News Briefs

### Monthly ceremony

Twelfth Air Force's monthly awards and promotion ceremony is 9 a.m. Oct. 31 at Bldg. 12's Ramada. Honorees need to be in place by 8:25 a.m. For more information, call Public Affairs at 8-6053.

### Spouses' Day

Mrs. Hobbins is hosting a Spouses' Day 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1 in the battlestaff conference room, Bldg. 12. Topics for discussion include the mission of both 12th Air Force and 355th Wing, hot spots around the world and items from the Air Combat Command Spouses' Conference. Refreshments will be available and lunch will be catered by the Olive Garden for \$5 per person. Child care will also be provided as required. For more information and to RSVP, call Patricia Peterson at 8-2312. RSVP by Oct. 25.

### Holiday Programs

#### Hometown News Print Holiday Greetings:

Army and Air Force Hometown News Service has expanded the Holiday Greeting Program to include print greetings. The opportunity is open to anyone with a military affiliation. Those interested may submit multiple greetings via the Internet. Deadline for the program is Nov. 20. For more information, call Public Affairs at 8-6053.

#### Holiday Greeting Marathon:

The 2nd Annual Holiday Greeting Marathon is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 at Bldg. 4800. This free event gives families and friends the opportunity to video tape messages to their loved ones who are deployed over the holidays. The event is open to anyone with a military affiliation. For more information, call 12th Air Force PA at 8-6053 or the 355th Wing PA at 8-3071.

## Deployment supports AOC AEF rotation

By TSgt Karin Wickwire  
12th Air Force Public Affairs

With both eyes toward the future, about 50 members of 12th Air Force's Air Operations Center – from the 612th Air Operations Group and the 612th Air Intelligence Group – have deployed for Aerospace Expeditionary Force 5/6 in the effort to establish an AEF rotation designed to support a deployed location's Combined Air Operations Center.

While this is the first time a Numbered Air Force's AOC has filled this many billets during steady-state deployed operations, it will not be the last. A recent agreement was made between Air Combat Command and the world-wide Air Operations Groups to implement an AEF construct for AOC deployments, said Col. Christopher Haave, the deployed Director of Combat Operations. At Davis-Monthan, he is the 612th Air Operations Group Commander.

This agreement was reached for a number of reasons.

First, AOC-trained personnel will be filling the wartime requirements. On previous AEF rotations, an AOC or CAOC was manned by people who may not have been trained in AOC operations, said Lt. Col. Mark Larson, deployed as Chief of Combat Operations and 612th Combat Operations Squadron Commander here.

The next reason is to allow the NAF and major command AOCs the opportunity to plan their exercises and training around their AEF deployments, Col. Haave explained.

And finally, it will give AOC personnel some predictability regarding when they will deploy.

"Currently, there is a shortage of AOC-qualified personnel and many of them have had repeat deployments. ACC and the AEF Center are aware of the problem and are working on aligning the tasking of all the parts of an AOC to try to relieve some of the pressure," he said. "This lack of tasking alignment was why 12th Air Force could not send the majority of

its personnel needed for a full-up AOC deployment."

The current number of 12th AF people deployed to fill the CAOC is a relatively small number when you consider that some AOC operations can require 200 to 1000 people, not including support personnel, depending on the size and duration of operations, Lt. Col. Larson explained.

So why is 12th Air Force the unit testing this new AEF rotation concept?

It was actually a coincidence of two events, according to Col. Haave.

"First, AEF 5/6 had many billets that were not filled, and second, the 12th AF AOC had just finished the longest, most advanced AOC exercise in history – Millennium Challenge/Joint Expeditionary Force Experiment 2002," the colonel explained. "The 12th AF AOC had just exercised many cutting-edge processes and technologies that could be useful for

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Courtesy photo

## Cleanin' it up

MSgt. Stu Hann, a deployed Independent Duty Medical Technician, and his dive instructor, filled two bags with debris during World Beach Clean-up Day, Sept. 21, at FOL Curacao. FOL personnel dove, snorkeled and scoured the beach with their Antillean counterparts to collect eight bags of trash from Santa Cruz beach and surrounding waters.

## 612 AIS celebrates 25 years

By Capt. Erick Bush  
612th Air Intelligence Squadron

The 612th Air Intelligence Squadron celebrated its 25th anniversary Oct. 1. The unit was originally activated as the 12th Tactical Intelligence Squadron Oct. 1, 1977 at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas, as part of the 602nd Tactical Air Control Wing and 12th Air Force. As a deployable intelligence squadron, it provided direct intelligence support to the Tactical Air Control Center, the predecessor to today's Air Operations Center. In addition, it provided direct intelligence support to the 602 TAIRCW tactical air control system operations and aircraft such as the A-37 and OV-10.

Although the 612th AIS traces its direct unit lineage to the 12th TIS, the heritage of Twelfth Air Force Intelligence (12 AF/A-2) goes back to the European Theater during World War Two. The 12 AF/A-2 wartime operations included combat intelligence, tar-

geting, signals intelligence, prisoner of war interrogations and photo reconnaissance interpretation. Twelfth Air Force intelligence provided critical support for operations during the invasion of North Africa during Operation TORCH, the allied landings in Anzio, Italy, and the eventual liberation of Rome.

In December 1989, the squadron provided critical support to Operation JUST CAUSE in Panama. The 12th TIS provided support to USSOUTHCOM/J2 and the 24th Composite Wing through the AOC. For its part in Operation JUST CAUSE, the squadron was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamer.

From August 1990 through March 1991, the squadron supported Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. Although the squadron did not deploy as a unit, it's deployed members contributed to the victory in the

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# Our nation's flag personifies Americans

By A1C Vincent B. Worland II.  
612th Air Communications Squadron

"I am an American, fighting for my way of life ..." states Article I of the Code of Conduct. My way of life is symbolized by "the Stars and Stripes," "Old Glory," and the nation's "Grand Ol Flag." The flag personifies who we are as Americans and helps us to remember the warriors past who gave their life to defend everything this generation enjoys, and yet still take for granted.

Every morning and evening for the past eight months, I have witnessed something grand. Early in the morning, the raising of the flag sounded off with reveille signifying the start of a new day, not to mention the fact that we are still free. And later on that evening the retrieving of the same flag as sounded off with retreat and the National Anthem.

There was not one morning that as I was standing at attention, saluting as that wonderful piece of cloth went up the pole, that a moment from this nation's history didn't run through my mind as

though it was a short film. Every one of these moments helped bring to life a portion of stones in the very foundation on which this country was built.

**Perseverance** – As demonstrated by the colonies in 1776, while they were fighting for, and winning this country's independence from Great Britain. If not for those brave men who fought and died for this nation's freedom, we would be enjoying tea and crumpets and be under the rule of a monarch.

**Humanity** – Just a little more than 100 years later when the states were brought together as one Nation under one flag, no longer two. If not for the ideological ways of the North, this country still would not know what civil rights are.

**Patience** – Personified by the handful of Marines, who raised the flag on the peak of Mt. Sarbach. Indicating that the United States was well on the way to winning World War II. 'Twas a long, hard, gruesome battle, but they were patient enough to stay with it.

**Ingenuity** – Brought to life in '69 when Neil Armstrong planted the flagpole in the surface of the moon. John F.

Kennedy promised that America would be the first on the moon and some brilliant people made it happen.

**Unitedness** – If there ever was a doubt that this country was falling apart, those thoughts were dashed 9/11/01, when people from far and wide came to aid in the rescue efforts of those in the Twin Towers, those in the Pentagon and those in a field in Pennsylvania.

These are just a few of those precious stones that form the foundation of this country and the fiber of my being.

When you hear Reveille or Retreat sound, don't try and run and hide or keep driving. Stop. Snap to attention, and render a salute. Not just because you have to, but because you are free to do so. Anyone who doesn't should not be allowed to wear the AF uniform. The evaders aren't just disrespecting the flag, they're not just disrespecting me, they are disrespecting our brothers and sisters on foreign soil who are fighting for our right to salute this nation's great flag.

*(Editor's note: This article was written by A1C Worland while he was attending First Term Airman's Center)*

## 12th AF winners of 2002 ACC CE Awards

### Outstanding CE Military Manager

Capt. James Downs, 355th CES, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. (First)  
Capt. Wade Rawlins, 366th CES, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho (Second)

### Outstanding Senior Civilian Manager

Michael Toriello, 355th CES, DMAFB (First)

John Bialke, 366th CES, MHAFB (Second)

### Outstanding CE Civilian Manager

Timothy Scott, 28th CES, Ellsworth AFB, S.D. (Second)

### Outstanding CE Civilian Supervisor

Ricky Thornton, 27th CES, Cannon AFB, N.M. (First)

Wesley Wainwright, 366th CES, MHAFB (Second)

### Outstanding CE Civilian Technician

Kimberly Hurt, 28th CES, EAFB (First)

### Outstanding CE IMA Officer Manager

Capt. Mark Slominski, 366th CES, MHAFB (Second)

### Outstanding CE IMA Enlisted Manager

CMSgt. Daniel Birkhimer, 27th CES, CAFB (Second)

### Maj. Gen. Joseph A. Ahearn Enlisted Leadership Award

CMSgt. Alvis Roberson, 49th CES, Holloman AFB, N.M. (First)

### National Society Of Professional Engineers Federal Engineer Of The Year Civilian Category

Alan Temple, 28th CES, EAFB (Second)  
Society Of American Military Engineers, Goddard Medal

MSgt. Allen Jedlicki, 49th MMS, HAFB (First)

### Military Firefighter Of The Year Award

SrA Justin Mendence, 27th CES, CAFB (First)

### Outstanding Community Planner

Charles Cyr, 7th CES, Dyess AFB, Texas (First)

### Brig. Gen. Michael A. McAuliffe Outstanding Housing Flight

7th CES, DAFB (First)  
355th CES, DMAFB (Second)

### Maj. Gen. Clifton D. Wright Award

Outstanding Operations Flight  
49th CES, HAFB (Second)

### Maj. Gen. Robert C. Thompson Outstanding Resources Flight

28th CES, EAFB (First)  
355th CES, DMAFB (Second)

### Outstanding CE Environmental Flight Award

7th CES, DAFB (First)  
28th CES, EAFB (Second)

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ongoing combat operations at a deployed CAOC. Because of that experience and hard-earned expertise, Lt. Gen. William T. Hobbins, 12th Air Force Commander, decided that we were the right people to send at the right time."

While 12th AF is partially filling the bill as a deployed AOC during AEF 5/6, the next NAF/MAJCOM AOC should more fully deploy in AEF 7/8.

Eighth Air Force is scheduled to replace 12th Air Force, and since they will have more time to coordinate with ACC and the AEF Center, they should be able to deploy as an integrated AOC team, as did 12th AF during MC/JEFX 02, according to Col. Haave.

And while 12th AF may not be the first fully deployed AOC, the staff here has a strong sense of accomplishment, the colonel said. "We have been extremely busy on this deployment putting the lessons learned from JEFX to work in a contingency situation. And as the first unit to test this concept, the 12th Air Force people on this deployment are proud to represent the 12th Air Force staff and Davis-Monthan AFB during Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and ENDURING FREEDOM."

## New GO Mobilization Augmentee

**Name/Rank:** Brig. Gen. F. C. Williams

**Unit:** 12th AF/CM

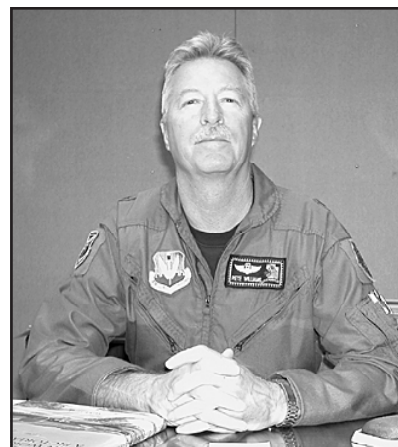
**Duty title/Job responsibilities:** To advise the commander on matters relating to reserve forces mobilization and reserve issues in general; to perform other duties as assigned.

**Hometown:** Rockvale, Colo., but I have lived in Park City, Utah for the past 12 years.

**Family:** Wife Becky, sons Peter (19) and Ryan (17)

**Leadership philosophy:** Provide the vision and the guidelines, supply top cover when needed, then stand back and let Air Force professionals do their job.

**Favorite assignment until now – why?** It's a toss-up between wing commander and squadron commander, but I've never had a bad assignment.



Brig. Gen. Williams



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# SALUTE!

Congratulations to 12th AF warriors who recently were – or soon will be – promoted to the rank indicated and those who were recently awarded medals recognizing their accomplishments

## Promotees

### Airman

James Fichter, Ryan Hill

### Airman 1st Class

Timothy Watson

### Senior Airman

Jerry Connor

### Staff Sgt

Dorian Jones

### Technical Sgt

John Cook

### Senior Master Sgt

Michael Ramsey

### Major

Thomas Jacobs

## Special Awards

### Adopt a School Recognition

2nd Lt. Rebecca Clarke

## Medal Recipients

### Meritorious Service Medal

Col. Steven Dickman (2nd OLC)

Maj. James Albrecht

### Joint Service Commendation Medal

Capt. Arturo Alaiza

### AF Commendation Medal

TSgt Amy Overton (2nd OLC)

### AF Achievement Medal

Capt. Robert Burton

MSgt Edgar Chavez (4th OLC)

## Top of the 12th

TSgt. Christopher Koch is a NOSC-D Enterprise Controller for 612th ACOMS.

“TSgt. Koch did outstanding work with JEFX and its six months of spiral development,” said Capt. Patrick Murphy, 12th AF Network Operations. “His work with the 12 AF networks and NOSC-D prepare us for our wartime tasking. TSgt Koch exemplifies the attributes of an outstanding NCO. His military bearing, supervisory and technical skills are the best I’ve seen. He’s a great role model for the junior enlisted and I’m proud to have him on my team.”



TSgt. Koch

**Years of service:** 12

**Hometown:** Mesa, Ariz.

**Primary Duties and Responsibilities:** Provides network infrastructure support for 12 AF Air Operations Center as well as in-garrison and deployed monitoring of SOUTHCOM networks or wherever we’re needed.

**Favorite aspects of D-M:** 612 ACOMS has great opportunities to work on cutting edge equipment and networks. DM is also close to home.

**If you could change one thing to improve D-M, what would it be?** Drop the temps about 15 degrees in the summer.

**What motivates your winning attitude?** Wanting to be best at what we do.

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Persian Gulf in areas such as targeting and analysis. For example, targeteers flew on the E-8 Joint STARS aircraft to help identify and target Iraqi troop concentrations.

As part of the deactivation of Bergstrom AFB, the unit moved to Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., in 1992. Now designated the 12th Air Intelligence Squadron, the unit was the primary USAF intelligence organization for UPHOLD DEMOCRACY in Haiti. The squadron deployed to Pope AFB, N.C. to provide intelligence support to the AOC. In its role in UPHOLD DEMOCRACY, the 12th AIS contributed to Twelfth Air Force’s garnering of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

In 1994, the squadron was renamed the 612th Air Intelligence Squadron, aligned under the newly formed 612th Air Intelligence Group. In 1999, the squadron provided major intelligence support to the movement of CORO-

NET OAK airlift missions after transfer of operations from Howard AFB, Panama to Muniz ANG Base, Puerto Rico. To support NATO air operations against Serbia during Operation ALLIED FORCE, the squadron deployed numerous personnel to Europe, as well as providing direct personnel augmentation for U-2 operations at Beale AFB, Calif. In October 2001, the squadron was involved in its first overseas contingency deployment to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

Today, 612th AIS personnel are deployed around the globe providing crucial intelligence for air operations worldwide. The squadron’s war fighting capabilities were most recently tested during its participation in the Joint Expeditionary Forces Experiment. The unit’s outstanding performance was critical to validate future AOC and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance doctrine and procedures.

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